**Wagons for Salt Transporation**

473. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gujarat Government has drawn the attention of the Railways regarding inadequate supply of railway wagons for transportation of salt;

(b) what was the demand of Gujarat for the year 1985 for transportation of salt;

(c) how many wagons have actually been supplied to Gujarat during 1985 against their demand; and

(d) what steps Railways propose to take to meet the demand for wagons for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Total demand during the period January to October 85 from Gujarat was of 91949 wagons (in terms of BG 4-wheeler).

(c) 69974 wagons were loaded with salt during the same period from Gujarat which is about 76 per cent of the demand.

(d) Supply of wagons have been stepped up for loading of salt from Gujarat region. The loading of salt was 4.2 per cent more in the current year as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

**Inland Container Depot in Kerala**

474. SHRI C. HARIDAS: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an Inland Container Depot in Kerala; and

(b) if so, what is its likely location and the expected expenditure together with the period for its completion etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Accidents involving G.T. Express**

475. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) how many times during the last three years the prestigious Grand Trunk Express met with accident together with the details thereof including the number of persons killed, injured accident-wise;

(b) what were the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that coaches used/attached to GT Express are old and mechanically defective; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons that this train meet accidents frequently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) During the last three years ending October, 1985, G.T. Express met with 3 accidents as detailed below:——

| Date of accident | Section | Category | Cause | Casualty | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | killed | injured |
| 16-9-1984 | Bina-Bhopal | Collision | Human Failure | 1 | 16 |
| 6-1-1985 | Jhansi-Agra | Collision | Human Failure | 1 | 27 |
| 27-10-1985 | Bina-Jhansi | Derailment | Sabotage | .. | 2 |